



**Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) and
Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) Joint Meeting
January 21, 2015, 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Meeting Summary**

PAC members in attendance:

Carol Levine, Chair, Alameda County resident
David Simons, Vice Chair, Santa Clara County resident
Ellen Barton, San Mateo City/County Association of Governments
Tony Dang, California WALKS
Patrick Golier, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
Steven Grover, Alameda County resident
Kate Howe, Alameda County resident
Lauren Ledbetter, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Mariana Parreiras, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
Steve Weinberger, Sonoma County resident

PAC members who participated via teleconference:

Rocky Birdsey, Marin Center for Independent Living
Marty Martinez, Safe Routes to School National Partnership, San Francisco resident

BAC members in attendance:

Rick Marshall, Chair, Napa County Public Works
Gary Helfrich, Vice Chair, Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition
Steve Beroldo, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
Mike Costanzo, Napa County Bicycle Coalition
Adam Foster, Contra Costa County resident
Bert Hill, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
David Hoffman, Marin County Bicycle Coalition
Lauren Ledbetter, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Bruce "Ole" Ohlsen, Bike East Bay, Contra Costa County resident
Mike Sallaberry, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority
Jean Severinghaus, Marin County resident
Richard Swent, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition

Non-members who participated in the meeting:

Beth Thomas, Caltrans Liaison to the District 4 PAC & BAC
Anne Darrow, Napa County Safe Routes to School
Ann Killebrew, Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Joe Partansky, Advocacy for Human/Disability Rights

The following BAC members were not present:

Eric Anderson, City of Berkeley
Brad Beck, Contra Costa Transportation Authority
Matthew Bomberg, Alameda County Transportation Commission
Andrew Hart, Solano Transportation Authority
Robert Tidmore, San Francisco resident
Sean Co, Ex Officio, Metropolitan Transportation Commission

The following PAC members were not present:

Matthew Bomberg, Alameda County Transportation Commission
Dana Turrey, Sonoma County Transportation Authority

Before calling the meeting to order, Rick Marshall, Chair of the District 4 BAC, and Carol Levine, Chair of the District 4 PAC, jointly decided that Rick would chair this meeting.

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and introductions

A quorum was reached with both the PAC and BAC.

Agenda Item #2: Review and approval of summary of Sept 2014 PAC meeting and Oct 2014 BAC meeting

PAC members reviewed and approved the Sept 2014 PAC meeting summary with an edit to the list of members who attended. The PAC recommended that future meeting summaries include which members participated by phone and which members were not present. BAC members reviewed and approved the Oct 2014 BAC meeting summary with two abstentions.

Agenda Item #3: Nomination and election of District 4 BAC Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2015

The BAC nominated and elected Gary Helfrich as Chair and Mike Sallaberry as Vice Chair.

Agenda Item #4: Discussion of conflicts between motor vehicles turning at intersections and pedestrians and bicyclists trying to cross, with a focus on signalized intersections and freeway ramp openings

PAC and BAC members discussed examples of treatments to minimize conflicts between turning vehicles and crossing pedestrians and bicyclists. Steve Weinberger provided an example of a raised crossing of the Highway 101 northbound onramp at Old Redwood Highway in the Town of Windsor. He showed a video of the operations. Other topics discussed included new ITE guidance on pedestrian and bicycle treatments at interchanges, the use of truck aprons to reduce the radius of corners where motor vehicles are turning, and opportunities to redesign interchanges. Beth described issues with interchanges from Caltrans' perspective. A subcommittee was formed to look into current best practices that address these issues, including raised crosswalks and recommendations in the ITE guidelines.

Agenda Item #5: Information sharing: District 4 PAC letter regarding implementation of the State Smart Transportation Initiative report recommendations for Caltrans

Lauren provided an overview of the SSTI report, the PAC letter with recommendations, and the response letter from the Caltrans director. The response letter described the Caltrans Strategic Management Plan 2015-2020 and the Caltrans Improvement Project. The letter also included a link to the CIP website and contact information for the CIP Program Manager.

Agenda Item #6: Update on results of informal PAC and BAC member survey regarding placing a white stripe on the Bay Bridge Bike and Pedestrian Path to delineate the border between the pedestrian and bicycle space

Beth gave an overview of a proposal to remove the white stripe from the path plans through a contract change order. PAC and BAC members discussed the pros and cons of providing a white stripe to separate the pedestrian and bicycle sides, which some members indicated could be justified with the potential for higher volumes on the path once the Yerba Buena Island connection is completed. A motion was passed to recommend providing a white stripe on the path, with one member opposed. Gary and Carol agreed to write up the PAC/BAC joint recommendation.

Agenda Item #7: Public comment

Rick updated the PAC and BAC on a new "Pass Bikes 3ft Min" sign in Napa County, which includes the "State Law" option above. He showed a photo of the location where the first such sign was installed in Napa County.

Joe Partansky commented on the access needs of users of four-wheeled and motorized mobility aid devices.

Agenda Item #8: Topics for next meeting

- Conflicts between pedestrians and bicyclists on bridges and overcrossings – mode separation techniques and effectiveness
- Implementation of roundabouts – examples of successful roundabouts

The PAC and BAC agreed to hold joint meetings every other quarter. Carol and Gary will work with Beth on scheduling joint meetings.

Agenda Item #9: Announcements and information sharing

No announcements were made.